GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ASSAM ACCORD
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of meetings held with All Assam Student Union (AASU) during each of the last three years on the implementation of Assam Accord;

(b) the details of outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement the Assam Accord;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SMT. V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) & (b): A total of four tripartite meetings have been held between January 2005 to 31st July 2007 to review the implementation of Assam Accord. The meeting on 5th May 2005 was chaired by the Prime Minister and that on 2nd January 2006 by the Union Home Minister. Besides, two official level tripartite talks were held with AASU on 29th July, 2006 and 11th July, 2007. During all these meetings, clause-wise implementation status of Assam Accord was discussed.

(c) & (d): Action has been taken to implement various clauses of the Assam Accord. Certain clauses of the Accord are of continuing nature i.e. safeguards for Assamese people, measures for economic development of Assam, and to prevent infiltration, etc and, therefore, need to be continuously monitored. The Government is committed to implement Assam Accord in letter and spirit. The details of action taken on various clauses of Assam Accord are annexed.

(e) In view of (c) and (d) above, does not arise.

ANNEXURE

CLAUSEWISE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ASSAM ACCORD

CLAUSE 5.1 − FOREIGNERS ISSUE:
i. The Citizenship Act, 1955, Citizenship Rules, 1956 and the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, were amended.
ii. Special Registration Officers have been appointed. Sanction was also accorded for the creation of 1280 additional posts under the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Schemes.
iii. Thirty two Foreigners Tribunals have been constituted in the State of Assam under the provisions of Foreigners Act, 1946 for detention of illegal migrants/foreigners.

CLAUSE 6 & 7 − SAFEGUARDS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
iv. A Cultural Centre called the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalashetra Complex has been established.
v. Sri Jyoti Chitraban (Film) Studio at Guwahati has been moderniazed. Additional Rs. 10 crore has been sanctioned for further expansion/moldernization of the Institute in the financial year 2006-07.
vi. Numaligarh Refinery was set up at a cost of nearly Rs. 2,500 crores.
vii. Two Central Universities, one at Tejpur, and the other at Silchar, have been set up.
viii. An IIT has been set up at Guwahati.
ix. Kathalguri power4 Project (60 MW) has been commissioned.
x. Work for implementation of Assam Gas Cracker Project has started.

CLAUSE 8 TO 14 − OTHER ISSUES:
xi. The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests only with the Central Government.
xii. Border fencing of 191.47 Kms out of 223.81 Kms sanctioned has been completed on Assam-Bangladesh border. 236.62 Kms of border roads have been completed.
xiii. Ex-gratia payment was made to the next to kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.
xiv. Disciplinary cases against employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.

xv. In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in uppar age limit upto a maximum of six years in the case of candidates who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to 15.8.1985.
xvi. NSA detenues detained in connection with agitation were released.